THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines issued by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the project proposals for diversion of forest land for construction of dams are considered as composite proposals. The proposals submitted in parts are returned to the States for re-submission as composite proposal.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

White-backed vultures

322. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up centres for conservation, breeding and captive care of the critically threatened white-backed vultures;

(b) if so, the population of white-backed vultures in the country; and

(c) the number of centres to be set up in the country; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is well known that the population of the white-backed vulture in the country has declined drastically but no scientific survey at the national level has been conducted.

(c) The Government has decided to set up four centres in off-display areas of Zoos at Junagarh in Gujarat, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and Bhubaneswar in Orissa.

Vacancies in CGHS dispensaries

323. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of doctors/para-medical staff/clerical staff/peon are lying vacant in a number of dispensaries under the South Zone, Delhi;